SUBJECT NO. 298.

Grants to aided schools.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishniah, Mysore City Municipality, and H. Krishna Sastri, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that grants to aided schools be increased. The Grant-in-aid Rules stated to be under revision may be framed on liberal lines. At least, one-half of what the school would cost, if maintained by Government, should be granted in aid of the school.

Reply of Government.—The members may submit a note containing the suggestions which will be duly considered.

SUBJECT NO. 299.

Lectures on hygiene, morals, etc.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastri, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion. It is prayed that schoolmasters who have passed in Hygiene be made to visit adjoining villages during vacations and lecture on hygiene, on loyalty, devotion to God, etc., the Muzrai and Health Departments remunerating them according to the degree of success they achieve.

Mr. K. H. Ranniah supported the suggestion, urging the institution of a course of lectures on questions connected with agriculture, industries, economics, etc.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT NO. 300.

Permission to private students to learn Arabic in Normal Schools.

Mr. C. Rasulkhan, Anjuman-e-Islamia, Chikmagalur

Summary of discussion.—Private students may also be allowed to learn Arabic in Normal Schools.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Inspector-General of Education.

SUBJECT NO. 301.

Use of Kannada figures.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It may be ruled that pupils of Kannada classes should use only Kannada figures and not the Arabic figures used in English. The appearance of Arabic figures in Kannada writing presents an ugly look.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT NO. 302.

Encouragement to authors.

Mr. H. Venkatachaliengar, Yedatore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—An annual grant of Rs. 5,000 is placed at the disposal of the Inspector-General of Education for the encouragement of authors. The officials employed in that department write out some books themselves and get the whole of the reward sanctioned through their respective institutional heads. This leaves no margin for the encouragement of non-official authors. Prays sufficient provision be made for their encouragement also.

Withdrawn by the member who had proposed the subject.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishniah.—The present grant is quite inadequate. A sum of Rs. 50,000 a year may be provided for encouragement to authors for the translation of English and other foreign works on the Western sciences, arts and industries.

Reply of Government.—Noted. Mr. Venkatakrishniah was asked to present a list of books which he considered should be translated.